

Horse Department.

The Middlebury Register now for more than a year has been giving much original and valuable information upon Morgan and other celebrated horses. It intends to continue publishing such information from week to week, giving at least a page to its Horse Department. When sufficient material has accumulated we expect to place it in book form, publishing first our volume upon the Morgan Horse, and afterwards a Register of the more distinguished sires and performers. In the latter we hope to include all 230 performers, with their breeding, as far as can be ascertained, also to distinguish between things that are known and things that are not known, in every pedigree. In all cases the evidence upon which the pedigrees are based will be given to the public through the columns of THE MIDDLEBURY REGISTER. This, we are satisfied, is what the public wants and ought to have. Many judgments are better than one.

THE REGISTER by reason of this extensive information and this method of giving it, is rapidly becoming indispensable to all breeders and horsemen. It should also be an excellent medium for advertisers, especially those dealing in Morgan horses.

Preserve your files, for they will form, with the full indexes thereto, a most valuable and available cyclopedia of horse matters.

PEDIGREE HUNTING.

RESEARCHES ON THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE BLUE BULLS.

Assuming that the number of foals by Rysdyk's Hambletonian is correctly given as 1326 and by Wilson's Blue Bull as about 900, it appears that Blue Bull with at least 47 trotters already in the 230 list, got one such in every 19 foals, while Hambletonian, with at least 35 in the list, got but one in every 38; making the odds in favor of Blue Bull as a getter of trotting speed in the ratio of two to one. If we add to Blue Bull's list the three 230 pacers got by him, it gives him one 230 performer in each 18 of his get, making the ratio still more striking. It is true that the 230 list of Hambletonian has been surpassed by that of his son, George Wilkes, now credited with 44, but we have not seen the whole number of foals got by George Wilkes stated. It is possible, however, that he got a much smaller number than his sire, and that his average would approximate more closely to that of Blue Bull.

We are aware that Hambletonian's 230 list is usually stated at 30; but one of these was a wagon record of 2:33 1-2 which is not a record of 2:30 and cannot be made so by any amount of resolving. Three others are unproven, having never been traced to their breeders. We also know that many claim fifty trotters and three pacers, and some even more, for Blue Bull; but from the best information at hand we believe that 47 trotters are all that are proven as yet. But the chances of Hambletonian's having further additions to his list are small, while Blue Bull, who had no less than seventy-six of his get on the turf last year, will naturally have many. Taken for all in all, as the record now stands, Blue Bull is easily the greatest sire of trotters that ever lived, and doubly greater than Hambletonian, considered by so many almost the sole source of trotting speed.

On account of statements made by James D. English of Aurora, Ind., who formerly owned "Old Sam," sire of Wilson's Blue Bull, and contained in letters published by us and by some Cincinnati papers, the question as to whether anything was known of his origin was involved in doubt. These letters of Mr. English stated that he purchased Old Sam of Michael Little in 1853 and that the horse was four years old in the spring of 1854. This was all that was stated to us, but in other letters he claimed that Little came from Virginia.

After seeing Mr. Skinner at Shawan, Ky., on the Pilot history, we went to Paris, Ky.; thence by first train to Aurora, Ind., especially to see Mr. English. We have already spoken of the magnificently fertile country about Lexington; this continued of the same nature as we went toward Paris, but from Paris toward Cincinnati the surface was more broken and rolling, the land apparently less productive, and apparently more given to the cultivation of tobacco than the raising of blue grass. We were driven rapidly in the transfer coach through Cincinnati. Aurora is but 25 miles distant. It was after dark when we reached there; were told by a gentleman on the cars that the hotel at Aurora had been burned; that a German kept a hotel and saloon near the depot that was perhaps as good a place as there was to stop at. This German hotel, though small, proved very good, and the German hostess was a good cook and a neat housewife. We learned the next day that Mr. English had died within the last year.

We now determined to look up Michael Little, see if he was alive at least, and as he was said to have come from Harrison, Ohio, we took the train for that point. Before leaving Aurora, Mr. Seymour S. Cole took us out to his father's farm, where we saw the horse, Dr. McLaughlin (2:30), son of Morgan Messenger by Fulton, said to be a son of Black Hawk, and a number of his get. This horse is a fine bay, of excellent size and quality, and in his finish most decidedly Morgan. His stock show much merit and are sold for high prices. Mr. Cole's farm is situated on the highest land in the county, and commands a very fine and extensive view. The land itself is of clay and very good. Aurora is a village of prepossessing appearance and of considerable business.

Harrison is of about the same size as Aurora; should judge either might have 1500 people. The principal hotel at Harrison was closed. We first stopped at a boarding-house where nothing to eat was served in a very neat and tasty way; driven thence by hunger, we took refuge in a German saloon where plenty to eat

was served in a very shabby way; finally at the suggestion of Mr. J. M. Schroyer, the oldest liveryman in the place, we went to an old boarding house where everything was satisfactory except that the landlady had an unhappy faculty of falling asleep after cash was handed her to pay the bill, before giving the change back; and on such occasions it was impossible to arouse her.

My first interview was with Mr. Schroyer. He could not remember Michael Little. But a citizen told me that Mr. Heyl, an old German landowner of the place, would know all about him. I called upon Mr. Heyl; he had but one eye and was very belligerent. He was also deaf as a post. Finally he said that Michael Little began to work for him at Harrison, O., about 1849, as ostler in the hotel he was at that time keeping, and worked for him from that time until he died in 1872, at Cincinnati, where Heyl was then keeping the Farmer's Hotel. He thought that Little had owned a stallion before working for him, but said he never owned a horse after that, "unless," he said, "he did it behind my pack, and Michael Little wouldn't do it."

I tried to cross-examine the old gentleman, but he flared up like a kerosene lamp, saying, "told you dot Michael Little work for me and had no horse, and dot is enough!"

We afterwards saw Mr. S. B. Marsh, a son-in-law of Solomon Bedinger. He said that the horse that Little bought and took to Aurora and sold was called Old Sam; that Little got him of his (Marsh's) father-in-law, Solomon Bedinger, a farmer living near Harrison, for whom Little worked a number of years, up to the time that he began work as ostler for Heyl; that Mr. Bedinger bought the horse at weaning time of Samuel McKane of Morgan township, Butler Co., O., who bred him; named him soon after McKane; and sold him at about five years old to Little who took him to Aurora, Ind., and there sold him. Mr. Marsh said that he broke this horse to saddle about two years before Little bought him; that Sam was a dun, black legs, black mane and tail, over 16 hands, close-built, and would weigh about 1400 lbs.; that he broke him to work as well as to ride; did not think he had a bit of white on him.

A second visit to Mr. Heyl, who had now got better natured, elicited the information, that Michael Little worked for Bedinger, and got a Blue Bull stallion of him, a blue with black stripes, an important breed in those days. "He was sold to Indiana, beyond Sparta, near Aurora, for forty acres of land, and Jack Logerain got him back and tried to sell him to me for \$165. He raked and paced; was about eight years old. Jack sold him to a man in Kentucky for that price. He won several races and dropped dead on the track in his last race."

We built our brick house in 1851. Little was here then and for a year before certain."

DAM OF SUSIE PARKER.

From the evidence published last week it would seem to be highly probable that the dam of Susie Parker (2:25 1-2) was by a son or grandson of old Abdallah. There is not the slightest reason to think she was by Abdallah himself, though she is so given by Mr. Wallace and has been so treated by writers upon trotters and trotting sires. We are at work upon all these Abdallah pedigrees as now generally accepted, and think we shall be able to give a true statement of horses by him celebrated either as trotters or producers of trotters. It will make quite a weeding out, and yet leave quite a respectable number.

DAM OF HOLABIRD'S ETHAN.

BY ALLEN W. THOMSON.

Mr. Wallace, in his first volume of the "Trotting Register," states that Young Ethan's dam was by Vermont Hambletonian. That Young Ethan was owned by Holabird & Satterlee, Shelburne. In the second volume of "Trotting Register" he says that "Holabird Ethan Allen, Jr." was foaled in 1860; dam, Fanny, a very fast mare that Cassius Holabird bought in Hartland, Vt., in 1852, said to be by Vermont Hambletonian. When about to make her appearance among the fastest, she ran away and injured her hip. Mr. Wallace in 1876 could not tell who he had this information of; said he did not have it of Mr. Holabird. When we understood that the dam of Holabird's Ethan Allen came from Hartland, Vt., we felt confident we could trace her origin and breeding, as we had lived several years in Hartland and knew something in regard to the horses there. A letter was written to Mr. Holabird stating the fact, and that if he would give us what facts he had in regard to the mare, we would, if he wished, try and learn her origin and breeding, asking nothing if he did not succeed. The letter was not answered. About this time A. J. Crane came to Woodstock and at our request wrote Mr. Holabird to learn what facts he had in regard to the dam of his horse. Mr. Crane said he was well acquainted with Mr. Holabird and was confident that he would write and give him the information. The following is a copy of Mr. Holabird's reply:

MR. A. J. CRANE, Sir:—Yours received in relation to the dam of Young Ethan. As far as I know I bought her at Ausable Forks, N. Y., of a man that was carrying the mail from Williamstown to the Forks. This was in September, 1852. He moved from Hartland or near there the spring before, and bought a farm in Williamstown. His name I have forgotten. She was then five years old, her name was Lady; was 16 hands high, all bay, heavy mane and tail; was docked and pricked; carried a very nice tail. I gave \$450, which then was a big price; he offered to bet \$100 she could beat any five-year-old in Vermont; said she won a purse at Montpelier when she was four years old in 2:32. I once met a man in Burlington when I was driving Young Lady that knew her and told me she was all he represented her to be. He was the husband of Sleeping Lucy it seems to me his name was Cook, or possibly he would write and give me the facts, but her pedigree could be traced. I got a man to look it up, but he did nothing. I think if I should go about it, which I ought to do, it is this Mr. Thomson can look it up I will try and satisfy him for it. I used to think she was Hambletonian. I now think she is Bulrush Morgan

and Messenger; you know every trotter claims Messenger. The dam of Charley Mae and Laura Williams I cannot correctly give, as I never saw them, and I never saw the mare she was sired by the Bulrush Horse. I may be all wrong. I will find out as near as I can and write you. Charles M. is seven and Laura Williams five years old.

Yours,
C. A. HOLABIRD.

On receipt of this letter we wrote Mr. Holabird asking for a few more facts. The following is a copy of his reply:

SHELBERN, Oct. 16, 1875.
MR. ALLEN W. THOMSON, Sir:—In reply to your letter, I wrote Mr. Crane, I tried years ago to think of the man's name that I had the dam of Young Ethan. I don't think he came from Hartland; it seems as if it might be Williamstown. I know he claimed she trotted and won a purse at Montpelier election-day. He called her Morgan Lady. Now for a description of the dam. Her face was pretty straight and intelligent; head, rather long; jaws, a little heavy; large nostrils, long slim neck, high shoulders, short back, long hips and sloping, rather crooked hind leg, heavy arm, 16 hands high, weighed when Ethan was a sucker, 1350 lbs. She was rather thin built, but the shoulders were deep; long under the belly. I have got one of her colts that has weighed 1360 lbs. Mr. Parker of Burlington has a pair of her colts that stand 16 1/2 hands; her stock was generally nice size. She raised a filly that got a record of 2:40 on a half mile track.

When I thought her we thought nothing of pedigrees. I now see the mistake. She proved to be very valuable as a breeder.

Yours, with respect,
C. A. HOLABIRD.

Mr. Holabird's letters show that he wanted the pedigree and that he regretted not having it looked up. One states that Mr. Holabird once offered to pay well to have the pedigree of his horse's dam. Every breeder now of any understanding wishes to know the blood lines of the horse that he uses.

It can be seen what facts we had to work on to trace the pedigree. After spending considerable time and no small expense, we got the address of the stage driver that it was understood was the one that sold the mare to Mr. Holabird and sent him a letter. The following is a copy of his reply:

NORTH ELBA, N. Y., March 27, 1876.
Dear Sir:—Your letter came to hand, and in answer would say that Adam Howard of Pomfret, Vt., moved in this State in the spring of 1853. He fetched with him a bay that he sold the same spring to some man or woman in Shelburne, Vt., for the sum of \$400. The pedigree of the horse, about Francis Howard, brother of A. Howard, I think, lives in Stockbridge, Vt.; he has a pedigree of the horse, and he is Howard. He moved from this State to Massachusetts.

Yours etc.,
OBEN MURRAY.

Mr. Murray was in company with Mr. Howard in carrying the mail. When we learned that Adam Howard was the man that sold the mare to Mr. Holabird we felt confident we should succeed in learning the facts, as we knew Mr. Howard when he lived in Pomfret. He loved then a fast horse; his little black French mare was the fastest one at our county fairs in 1850 and the horse he sold the spring he removed to New York was the fastest one at the fair in 1853. It can be seen now, the place to look was in Pomfret, to see if any one knew of Mr. Adams' having the mare; and if so, where he got her. After seeing a number of men, we found the man that sold the mare to Mr. Adams. His name is Monroe Chedel. Mr. Chedel said he sold a five-year-old bay mare, large size, that was docked, to Mr. Cook (Sleepy Lucy's husband), who purchased her for Adam Howard, who was with Mr. Cook at the time. Mr. Chedel said he purchased the mare when two of his brother-in-law, Solomon Harding of Pomfret; that Mr. H. bred her, and her sire was his brother's horse, the B. F. Chedel horse, and his sire the Walker horse. Mr. Chedel knew nothing in regard to the blood of Mr. Harding's mare or the blood of his brother's horse. These facts we looked up as far as they can be learned; about 1836 Wm. Hutchinson of Pomfret, who was then quite a horse dealer, brought from Boston a bay horse that was along in years. It was thought he was part French. Mr. Hutchinson took back the same year, or the next, a large bay mare. She was long bodied, and along in years. The mare and horse were turned into the pasture together. It was not thought the mare would have a colt or that the horse could sire one. That fall the mare was sold to Solomon Harding's father-in-law, who year she brought a bay filly that was the granddam of Holabird's Ethan. She was not as large as was her dam, had a star and one white hind foot; rather long headed, a long neck and low withers. She was called snort to go. She brought a filly by the Walker Horse before the one Mr. Chedel had, that was called faster than the one that was the dam of Holabird's Ethan. Mr. Chedel states she was docked before he got her. The dam of the Chedel horse was bred and owned by Samuel Paul of Pomfret. She was called Sleeping Lucy; was a dark bay or brown. Her sire was a greyed-out grey colt. Her dam, a brown mare; was called fast. It is well understood that the Chedel horse inherited through his dam another cross of Tally-ho blood, but it is hard now to say just where it comes in. The Chedel horse was a large bay horse; he was owned by a common farmer, who did not do much with him; he did not breed many colts as he died young. What he left proved well and there was one very fast one. The Walker blood when crossed with trotting blood was very sure to give speed. Mr. Chedel states he drove the mare to Mr. Cook the winter before on the ice at Barnard and that she showed quite fast and that she greatly resembled her sire. We stated to Mr. Wallace that the dam of Holabird's Ethan was by a son of the Walker Horse and he so gives it in the third volume of the "Trotting Register."

It can be seen that the blood and origin of the mare has been shown; yet the statement of Mr. Howard, corroborating the facts, would make it look a little better. We at length got his address and a letter from him. This is a copy of the letter:

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 3d inst. is received and contents carefully noted. In reply would say that the mare you refer to was purchased of Monroe Chedel, by me; bred by Solomon Harding and sired by Franklin Chedel horse out of Harding's mare. I sold her in the fall of 1853 at Ausable Forks etc., as you describe, and she sent to Shelburne Falls, Vt., and was a good mare.

Respectfully,
A. HOWARD,
Driving Park, Rochester, N. Y.

It was a little gratifying getting the facts, as it was understood if nothing was learned nothing was to be paid. I wrote Mr. Holabird stating the facts and sent our bill, which was \$25, and the right to breed a mare to his horse. The bill was very low considering the work done, very much lower than it would be done now for. Mr. Holabird replied, saying that as soon as he read my name, he thought it came to his mind like a flash; then he said he would pay no money, but would give the use of his horse for a colt; said he had been cheated out of \$200, in regard to the pedigree of his horse's dam. We took good counsel in the matter and was told our claim was just and could be collected. A letter was written Mr. H. by counsel. It was answered by a friend stating that Mr. H. was sick was why he wrote; that Mr. H. could not remember offering only the services of the horse,

and that he thought the offer very liberal; that the pedigree was of no value to him and that he would return it, and wanted to know how much it would take to pay the claim. It seems Mr. Holabird had forgotten in regard to the letter he wrote Mr. Crane, the same as he had forgotten the name of the one he had the mare of. The offer of the services of the horse for pay was provoking; one can think of the trouble and expense of taking a mare one hundred miles and back, and the risk of having a colt. A letter was written stating that fifty dollars would settle the bill. There was no reply. We did not feel in a hurry to press the claim, as we thought it safe, but the first we learned Mr. Holabird was dead and his estate settled. We inferred he was not exactly pleased with the pedigree. The Walker blood not only gives speed when crossed with trotting blood, but it gives size. It was from the Walker horse that the dam of Holabird's Ethan took her size, and it was his blood that caused her to transmit it to her progeny. The Walker horse was a blood bay, 16 hands high, and weighed at times 1350 lbs. Of course he had no speed himself, though it was claimed he could trot in three and a half minutes. Yet he sired quite a number that trotted in three minutes and 2:40. The Rooney horse, that has two in the 2:30 list, was by the Walker horse.

It will be seen that Wallace in his first volumes gave to this horse the usual Messenger dam, upon some authority which he doesn't care to state, although he admits it was not that of his owner and breeder. Had it not been for the researches of Mr. Thomson, which Wallace had nothing to do with, this pedigree would still be doing service, as that of the dam of the Morse horse, Young Columbus, Goldsmith Maid and a thousand others more or less continue to that are equally false.

Mr. Wallace has done a good deal—we might say a great deal—of good work in compiling pedigrees of the trotting horses, but it is questionable whether if his books were not revised he would not accomplish as much harm as good; for they contain truth and error in about equal proportions, and there is no way to distinguish between them. His books may be valuable in forming a basis upon which others may build, and by accurate, honest and persistent work produce a volume that in all respects will be reliable. It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Wallace has not himself the qualities necessary to do this work; but he has not. He is very pugnacious, but pugnacity won't do it. He is also able, but he lets his passions run away with his ability. He has not that loyalty to truth that plods on through all difficulties to find it, not permitting passion, prejudice or interest to interfere, without which no such work can be accomplished. The public will have to look elsewhere for authority upon the breeding of the trotting horse.

BREAD LOAF BY THOUGHT.

D. W. Bliss and B. L. Hewitt have written of J. P. Hawkins of Bristol, Vt., his elegant four-year-old bay stallion by Thought, son of Daniel Lambert; dam by the Doud horse, son of Black Hawk Chief. The colt is a pattern of his sire and promises high speed as well as superb style. He has been named Bread Loaf and sent to the Homestead Farm, Bethel, Vt., to take the place of Ben Adhem.

LADY SURREY, DAM OF HENRY CLAY.

The following letter has been sent us by Mr. F. A. Wier of Walpole, N. H., on the tracing of Lady Surrey, dam of Henry Clay:

In 1800, old Dr. John Muzzey bought a farm in Peterboro. He had two sons (both dead), John and Reuben. Reuben had two sons—both doctors. Ten years ago one of them, Dr. Wm. H. Muzzey, lived in Cincinnati, O., I think, and the other, Dr. Francis B. Muzzey, lived at Portsmouth, O., but I do not know whether they are living now or not. The whole of them were doctors. There are several old men here that knew the old Muzzey horse. They spelled their name Mussy, instead of Muzzey. Crombie's given name is Ira. There are no Muzzey's living now in Peterboro. I was waiting to find out all I could before I wrote. Old Dr. John Muzzey died in 1831. Dr. Reuben, his son, died in 1860, and left two sons—the William and Francis whom I have mentioned.

Mr. Wier adds: "The above is from old Dr. Crombie and others. Should you go to Peterboro be sure and go to Wilton, N. H., and see Mark D. Perkins's brother that you may know how to direct a letter to Mr. Gilmore."

SUNDRY LETTERS.

YOUNG DARKEY—DAM OF FLORENCE, ETC.
IRA, Vt., March 8, 1886.

MR. BATTLE, Sir:—Enclosed please find pedigree in full of my colt Black Ben.

Nathan Fassett of Timmuth, Vt., bred Young Darkey, also Bludose. They were own brothers; the dam of Florence (2:24 3-4) by Highland Gray was sired by a half brother of them, out of the same mare, sired by a full blooded Morgan horse. He was owned by Edwin Congdon of Clarendon Flats. The dam of those three stallions was got by the Andrus Hambletonian.

Yours truly,
LEONARD FISH.

MORGAN BELLE—GREEN MOUNTAIN II.
PAOLI, Feb. 16, 1886.

MR. J. BATTLE, Middlebury, Vt., Sir:—In April, 1880, my father bought from a man by the name of John Gregory of your State a sorrel filly with the following pedigree: Morgan Belle, sired by Comet, he by Billy Root, he by Sherman, he by original Justin Morgan; dam, a Morgan mare.

At the same time father bought the sorrel filly he also bought of Mr. Gregory a stallion called Green Mountain II. As he has lost the written pedigree given by Mr. G., and only remembers that he was sired by Green Mountain, I would like to know the pedigree in full of the stallion Green Mountain II.

Yours truly,
SAM. H. BRAXTON.

MORGAN CHIEF, DAM OF GEN. GIFFORD.
WARREN, Vt., March 15, 1886.

Editor Register:—Enclosed you will find one of your blanks filled. As I recollect

the facts, I bought the horse in 1848 and have lost or given away all of my bills and I write you from recollection. I think his pedigree is given in a book put out by Linsley on Morgan horses.

The dam of General Gifford was a large bay mare brought to this place in 1838 by one Gray from Charleston, N. H., who moved to Waitsfield and has been gone from there a long time.

Yours truly,
E. A. ELDRIDGE.
Mr. Eldridge encloses this pedigree—Morgan Chief, ch. h., 15 hands, 1000 lbs., foaled about 1828, bred by one Latham of Lime, N. H., sired by Woodbury Morgan, owned by E. A. Eldridge, and stood in Warren and Waitsfield, Vt., and vicinity from 1844 to 1851; sold in spring of 1852 to Mr. Prescott of Bradford or Newbury, Vt.

THE BULLOCK HORSE.

PRAIRIE DU SAC, WIS., March 28, 1886.
Editor Register:—In reply to your letter of inquiry about the Bullock horse, a man by the name of the Bullock brought him here in the year 1855; the horse died at or near Janesville, but I can't tell the year. No stallions of his get here; the last one went to Iowa. I know of no horse called the Hoagland horse. I am told that M. H. Keyser of this place has the pedigree of the Bullock horse. He is the man that owned and sold the young stallion that went to Iowa.

Yours truly,
J. T. HUBBARD.

JULIA BY MOTION, GET OF STAR LAMBERT.

KILLINGLY, Conn., April 1, 1886.

J. BATTLE, Esq., Sir:—Julia, by Motion, out of White River has been here in Pomfret, Conn., running out. I rode after her a few days ago. She has a good way of going with plenty of vim, and would make quite a stepper if handled a year. I think Star Lambert got ten colts the season before he came up to Middlebury, and six out of the ten have been sold—one for \$1000, \$850, \$750, \$500, \$450, \$300 and there are two more that there has been an offer of \$500 each for. His get are very large; most of his get are 15-2. His oldest colts in this place will be two years old this spring and most of them are 15 hands high and weigh 850 to 900 lbs., and all brown and bay with the exception of one chestnut.

Truly yours,
DARRETT WARD.

COMET, BLUE BULL, STOCKBRIDGE CHIEF.

LATONA, Jasper Co., Ill., March 24, '86.

Editor Register:—I hardly know how to commence writing of the Morgan horse to you. In the first place I farmed him of Jones & Hardesty of Eminence, Henry Co., Ky., in March, 1869, thinking that he was the horse our people just needed and he was, but they could not see it. He was ten years old that spring, in thin flesh when I got him, but he fattened like a pig and he was healthy and never missed a feed. You will find pedigree blank filled; this is the pedigree I got with him. I was told that J. W. Goff had a certificate of his breeding from the man that raised him, but I never saw it and Mr. Goff never told me that he had. Goff is dead for some years back. I believe Thomas Goff is still alive; think he lives at Aurora, Dearborn Co., Ind., but am not certain. Joseph Jenkins, Petersburg, Boone Co., Ky., was one of the three that bought him of the Goffs. You may learn something by writing to him. Comet sired Young Comet, raised and owned by H. Tuft; Iron Morgan, raised and owned by Henry F. Wright; then Young Morgan raised and owned by Henry Buffington; all of these were owned in Dearborn Co., Ind., then Jack Carson had a stallion he called Excelsior Morgan. I think he went to Missouri two years before the war.

While I kept him he sired Indian Kentucky, Daisy's Morgan and Mingo Chief; these are the colts that were kept at stud from him in Indiana. I cannot give you any information about the sons that were kept there from him in Kentucky. He was a fine breeder in every respect and should have been in demand at \$25 in place of being hooted at at \$10 when I had him. He was a very dark chestnut with a few white hairs in his head, not enough to make a white spot; a fine to top; mane long enough to look well, but light; a heavy tail; was on short legs, had a heavy body, carried his head away up and one of the finest heads I have ever seen in every color; a fine ear, wide between the eyes, a good eye with the finest expression you could imagine; good throat latch; neck of medium length with a very heavy crest, a good shoulder, back a little long; ribbed out round; a good hip and hind leg. You will say that I am an enthusiast on the old horse; well, may be I am, but it is all true that I say of him. Pedigree—Comet was foaled in 1850, bred in Lanielle Co., Vt.; sired by Chittenden Morgan, son of Burbank (Woodbury) Morgan, dam by Putnam Morgan, son of Woodbury. Ascent back to Eminence, Ky., in 1801 and died there in 1861. I knew Blue Bull when I had Comet. Dan Dorrell had Blue Bull then and he was called Dorrell's Blue Bull and he was thought and considered to be a Blue Bull; there was a lot of them in Dearborn and Ohio counties, Ind., then. He was the fastest pacer of all of them. Wm. Murray used to ride him at the fairs for Mr. Dorrell. Mr. Murray lived at Lawrenceburg, Ind., a few years ago.

I saw old Stockbridge Chief, when he was in this county; he was owned by J. Cooper and he sold him to Hon. Aaron Shaw, Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co., Ill. Mr. Shaw has since then moved to Olney, Ill. Stockbridge Chief died the property of Mr. Shaw.

I think I will be able to give something definite of Morgan Messenger's (Enterprise) soon. I knew him the first season in Indiana; am looking for a letter that may tell a little more than I already know.

Yours truly,
ALFRED GLENN.

Mr. Glenn, who writes the above interesting letter, is an experienced horseman and would like a position as superintendent of a stock farm.

ROCKET, SON OF DANIEL LAMBERT.

NORTH ORWELL, May 27, 1886.

Editor Register:—The horse Rocket was owned by Charles Sanford of this town; was sired by Daniel Lambert; dam, Gazelle by Morgan Bellfounder, he by Morgan Eclipse; registered as above by J. H. Wallace. I have this from Mr. Sanford, who owned the dam of and raised the horse Rocket. Said horse died at the age of seven or eight years, I think.

Yours truly,
T. A. HAMMOND.

CHAMPION BLACK HAWK AND STOCKBRIDGE CHIEF.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, March 8, 1886.

Editor Register:—Enclosed find blank form filled for Champion Black Hawk. As I have heretofore written you, I can

not vouch for the exact dates. I know some of the years I have correct and the others quite or nearly correct. I will in this connection state a few things which may possibly be of use to you in investigating other pedigrees of horses bred in the part of Vermont. Champion's dam and another valuable mare were taken from Long Island to Shoreham by Zebulon Frost. She (C's dam) had quite a reputation, having trotted a twenty-mile race and won a few years previous. It had been claimed by some that the other mare was a full sister in blood and that she was the dam of Stockbridge Chief and her pedigree as his dam I have seen published recently thus: By Sir Charles by Duroc, dam by Plato, son of Messenger. I saw Chief when he was three years old past in the hands of Mrs. Douglas, who bred him and came very near buying him. I was told by David Edgar Hill and others that they (Champion and Chief) were the same blood. I have known a number of old Black Hawk's sons who were black that were alike in size, form and general character; but never saw two of them nor alike every way than these two chestnuts. Almost the only thing I can tell you is that was Champion was a little taller to height (Chief was full 15 3-4 and weighed 1100 lbs.), and in color was deep red or wine colored chestnut, while Chief was a dark chestnut. Neither of them was ever vanquished by any other horse in the show ring; but they were shown in competition twice, once at Cincinnati and once at St. Louis, and both times the first prize went to Champion. In speed they were so nearly equal that neither ever came out far enough ahead to convince any one he was the faster and there is very little difference in the amount of speed in their descendants. Chief has considerable, nearly all through his son Battler, while I think Champion is sire of more dams of 30 list horses and he is also grand sire of Bertrand Black Hawk with two trotters in the 30 list and Maud B., the great California pacer. There is no doubt both had the Duroc cross. They showed it in many ways and I have no doubt it was Black Plato not Plato Messenger, that sired their grandam, or grandams, if not the same mare. As you remember at one time claimed that Champion was the sire of the Morgan horse Cook of the Rock, but that was a mistake; it was the Duroc horse.

Yours truly,
JAMES D. LADD.

[We think Mr. Ladd is mistaken in the breeder of Stockbridge Chief.—Ed. Register.]

HOAGLAND'S GRAY MESSENGER.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., March 9, 1886.

S. D. HOAGLAND, Esq., Sir:—Will you please inform me present address of Sheriff Cox of Montpelier, N. J., of whom you had Gray Messenger.

Yours truly,
JOSEPH BATTLE.

REPLY.

Dear Sir:—Sheriff Cox has been dead twenty years or over.

Yours respectfully,
S. D. HOAGLAND.

LETTER FROM RANDOLPH HUNTINGTON

58 North Goodman Street,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 24, 1886.

Editor Register:—Permit me to thank you for the good work you are doing. I have watched your columns carefully as could the past three months, considering my many cares, and have longed to encourage you. Many years ago I was induced through letter addressed to me by J. H. Wallace to assist him in his compilations by giving him information relating to horses in this country. His